

MYSTERY OVER WAR ACTIVITIES DEEPER NOW

FEARS FOR SAFETY OF TWO
AEROPLANE MEN DEEPENING

General Garvia Sends No Report on What Happens as He Promised to Do.

NOTHING IS DEFINITE

Wires Are Cut and There is No Information about Fight between Mexicans.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 22.—Wireless communication with the advanced base of the American expeditionary force at Casas Grandes was restored Wednesday. Several messages, all in code, were received, but none gave word of the missing lieutenants of the army aero corps. Search for the missing men is being continued.

EL PASO, Tex., March 22.—The telegraph wires between Juarez and Casas Grandes were still cut Wednesday so that for more than twenty-four hours General Gavia has been without news of what is transpiring at the scene of the reported fighting Tuesday between Carranza and Villa forces near Nacaju.

On the American side communication with General Pershing remains limited and nothing definite about operations of the expeditionary force has been received.

The mystery over what is happening between Juarez and Casas Grandes is deeper than ever. The distance between these two towns is about thirteen miles. General Gavia declared Tuesday that he was sending out a repair train under guard to restore the wires and report on what caused their interruption. Early Wednesday no report had been received and the Mexican officials professed to be completely at a loss as to what occurred. As the time lengthens since Flight Lieutenant Robert H. Willis, Jr., and Edgar F. Garrell, who disappeared with their aeroplanes into the Chihuahuan desert, fears for their safety deepen. The two officers started their flight from Columbus Sunday.

HEAVY RAINS

And Melting Snows in Two States Interrupt Railroad Street Car Traffic.

PITTSBURGH, March 22.—Reports from western Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia today told of flooded streams and interruption to railroads and street car traffic because of heavy rains and melting snows. At Uniontown Redstone creek rose so rapidly that fully 150 families were driven from their homes and water to a depth of eight feet surrounded the Baltimore and Ohio station. In the vicinity of Wheeling bridges and trolley lines were washed out and many small streams overflowed their banks. Operations in many mills and factories were curtailed because workmen were unable to reach the places of their employment. No prediction has yet been made by the local station of the weather bureau but river-men spent this morning preparing for a flood in the Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio rivers.

HESS CONDUCTS FUNERAL.

The Rev. H. R. Hess, a United Brethren minister of this city, conducted funeral services over the body of W. J. Breedlove in Grafton Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Breedlove, who lived in Grafton, died in a local hospital Monday night.

TEXAS CITY FIRE
IS BURNING YET

With Approximately 10,000 Persons Homeless and Business Section Wiped Out.

PARIS Tex., March 22.—With approximately 10,000 persons homeless, the entire business section wiped out and from 1,500 to 2,000 dwellings destroyed, the fire which started late yesterday afternoon, still was burning early today. The property loss is estimated will reach \$3,500,000. Reports were circulated that from ten to thirty persons had lost their lives. Confirmation was lacking. Thousands of homeless men, women and children were being cared for today in private residences, railway stations and the few remaining public buildings. The question of making arrangements to take care of them was taken up by the city authorities. Food supplies will be the most serious problem, every hotel, restaurant and grocery in the city having been wiped out. In all about thirty blocks were wiped out. The wind, which was blowing a gale when the fire started, shifted at daylight and the fire was traveling in a southerly section, spreading the flames throughout the southern residence district, but in a freakish manner jumping whole blocks in its progress.

PRAIRIE FIRES ARE
BURNING IN KANSAS

OFFER TO PAY

Expenses of Young Men Who Want to Attend Camp but Have No Means.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Prominent citizens in different parts of the country have written to Major General Leonard Wood offering to pay the expenses of one or more young men who may wish to attend the military training camp at Plattsburg, N. Y., next summer, but are financially unable to take advantage of the opportunity. One well known woman said she would pay the expenses of eight deserving young men.

"I want to state," said General Wood today, "that in no case will it ever be made known who the man is who benefits by the generosity of these patriotic citizens. These public spirited citizens volunteered to render this service to the country without any solicitation. The amount necessary to pay for one month's training averages about \$45 a man."

KING GUILTY

Of Performing Acts Which Tended to Incite a Riot in the City of Salem.

George W. King, of Salem, was found guilty in the criminal court on Wednesday on a charge of hoisting a red flag and keeping it hoisted which acts tended to incite a riot. Sentence was not passed. The incident occurred about midnight July 3, last at Salem, just about the time Independence day was about to be ushered in. A great crowd of citizens gathered and demanded that the flag, a Socialist emblem, be taken down. He refused to comply with the demand and the city authorities had great difficulty in preventing serious disorder. June Powell was placed on trial charged with a liquor violation.

SLEET STORM

Followed by Rain and Thunder Does Considerable Damage in City of Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 22.—A sleet storm today followed the rain and thunder storm caused considerable damage to electric light and telephone wires throughout the city last night. Whole streets and sections of the city were left in darkness but little property damage was done.

Reports from the northeastern part of Illinois in the vicinity of Kankakee and Beaverville and from Marion and Logansport, Ind., told of a tornado which caused the loss of one life, injury to a number of persons and heavy property damage. Telephone and telegraph wires were down and communication was cut off.

NO INFANTRY ATTACKS.

PARIS, March 22.—No infantry attacks were made on the Verdun front last night, the war office announced today. The Germans bombarded Malancourt and there were artillery exchanges of less intensity east of the Meuse.

BLOWN FROM TRACKS

Is a Train on the Clover Leaf Railroad and Several Persons Thereon Injured.

MARION, Ind., March 22.—It is reported that a passenger train on the Clover Leaf railroad was blown from the tracks near that city last night. Several passengers were injured but none were killed. Four cars were overturned.

Five houses were destroyed at Pittsville, Ill., and ten demolished at Kankakee, Ill., Beaverville, Ill. and Moccasin, Ind., were said to have suffered some damage.

FRENCH HERE.

Senator Davis E. French, of Mercer county, on a tour which he hopes will increase his chances to land the Democratic nomination for governor at the coming primaries, reached here Tuesday evening. He did not tarry, but left during the evening for Parkersburg, but not before he promised to return shortly.

No Loss of Life is Reported but Many Houses Are Caught by the Flames.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 22.—Prairie fires are burning in a dozen western Kansas counties today, vegetation having been made very dry by the extreme heat. Although no loss of life has been reported many houses were caught in the fast moving flames and pasture lands have been reduced to vast reaches of black stubble.

One blaze which started near Leoti in Wichita county started eastward, burned its way through Scott and Lane counties and finally was believed to be under control west of Ute in Ness county, a distance of seventy miles. At Modoc, Scott county, in the path of flames, seven houses are said to have been burned.

Dodge City maintained a fire guard all last night on the edge of the city to check the flames which threatened from the northwest.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Knights lodge No. 19 of the colored Knights of Pythias will observe Sunday as its annual memorial day and a memorial sermon will be preached especially for the lodge at St. Paul's church, by the Rev. French Hurley. All knights are asked to meet in their hall promptly at 2 o'clock.

SAVE WASTE PAPER
AND RAGS IS ADVICE

WARSHIP

Belonging to Russians Sinks a Steamship Off the Coast of Roumania.

LONDON, March 22.—The sinking by a Russian warship of the steamship Esperanza off Kail Akra in the Black sea off the Roumanian coast is reported in a Reuter despatch at Bucharest on Sunday. The Esperanza, a 7,000 ton vessel, flying the German flag, is said to have been loaded with foodstuffs for Constantinople.

The despatch also reports the sinking of a score of small sailing ships with cargoes of food.

DEPUTIES

For Clarksburg and Philippi Officers Are Appointed by Court Clerk Harrison.

United States District Court Clerk Samuel R. Harrison has completed what few changes were made by him in his official family, the deputyships being altered in but two places—Philippi and Clarksburg. To fill the vacancy in the deputyship at Clarksburg caused by his own promotion, he appointed Henry C. Chaney, formerly deputy clerk at Philippi. Austin C. Merrill was appointed to the deputy clerkship at Philippi. Mr. Merrill is a graduate of Yale University and of the law school of the West Virginia state university, and is a lawyer of rare attainments. He had been practicing his profession at Philippi prior to his appointment as deputy court clerk.

HIGH WATER

Caused by Heavy Rain Interrupts Street Car and Railway Traffic.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., March 22.—Street car and railroad travel was seriously interrupted by high water, which resulted from this morning's heavy rain. Several mines in the coke region were flooded, forcing the employees to abandon them for the present. Street car and railroad tracks were washed out south of here and interurban traffic was seriously interrupted. The Youghiogheny river is rising rapidly.

RELATIVES

Come to the City to Attend the Funeral of John J. Davis.

Among the many relatives and out of town friends who are here and who attended the funeral of the late John J. Davis Wednesday afternoon are Mrs. Resin Davis and John J. Davis, of Louisville; Henry Dulaney and Miss Christine Dulaney, of Baltimore; Mrs. J. Gibson Kuykendall of Charleston; William McDonald, of Charles Town; and the Rev. Frank J. Brooke, of Romney.

AMERICAN TROOPS IN FINE FETTER TO HUNT DOWN THE BANDIT VILLA



Scenes of preparation at Fort Bliss, Tex., just before invasion of Mexico. Top, practice charge of Eighth United States machine gun cavalry troop. Bottom, members of same troop sighting one of the guns.

LAREDO, Tex., March 22.—With the beginning of operations of American troops against Francisco Villa it is well to recall the fact that the strip of territory running all the way from the Atlantic to the Pacific has been on an actual war footing for the last four years. In the lower border region, extending from a point about sixty miles below Laredo to the mouth of the Rio Grande, protective war measures have in the past assumed the form of sanguinary conflict between bands of Mexican outlaws and the armed forces of the regular army.

Never in the history of the country has the regular army been called upon in time of peace to practice the war of far-reaching importance.

It is said there is not a private or game as extensively as on the Mexican border during these years. The rank and file of the various branches of the army have been taught many new and practical lessons in the chaparral-covered frontier country. In many instances they have endured

hardships that probably will not be met with to any greater degree in the actual campaign.

A protective force of more than 12,000 men has been scattered along the international lines. Conditions

have been unusually favorable for testing certain new theories—theories which could not have been put into actual practice had the military units been confined to garrison duty. The handling and operation of new types of

field equipment, the transportation of supplies by motor trucks and various other improvements of the service have been put to a practical test, and the results obtained are considered to

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SPRING DRESS
UP SPIRIT IS
GENERAL NOW

Everyone is Entering Heartily into That Spirit and Observance Will Be Great.

Everyone is entering heartily into the spirit of Spring Dress Up, which will be observed in Clarksburg from March 30 to April 8. It costs no more to buy new wearing apparel and home furnishings now and by so doing greater value for the money is secured and longer service is had from the new things bought.

Clarksburg merchants are real boosters for Spring Dress Up and their stores are filled with the best the markets afford. Nothing is too good for Clarksburg people and buyers have kept this fact in mind when purchasing spring frocks, and always the most fashionable and serviceable articles are given first consideration.

No local merchant wants more than a reasonable profit and more attention is paid to the volume of sales than to large profit on few sales. It is a fact that the Spring Dress Up buying campaign by greatly increasing the volume of business of the merchants will enable them to sell at even lower prices than usual.

The Spring Dress Up number of the Telegram, which will be issued Wednesday, March 29, will contain announcements of all leading merchants and every family in Clarksburg trade territory should secure a copy of this valuable edition to aid in preparing its spring buying campaign. Orders for extra copies should be given to the Telegram circulation department not later than Monday morning. Readers should send copies of this issue to friends and relatives in other cities to show the prosperity and progressiveness of Clarksburg.

MORE REGISTRARS

For the June Primary Election Are Appointed by the County Court.

The county court has named several registrars for the coming election to take the places of those who had declined to serve. Six of those named are Democrats and two are Republicans as follows:

Clark No. 2—W. E. Benson.
Clark No. 6—John L. Mason.
Clay No. 2—E. E. Curry.
Coal No. 2—Arthur Romine.
Coal No. 3—C. H. Pate.
Sardis No. 1—F. M. Robey.
Sardis No. 1—Fred Heldreth.
Sardis No. 2—Stanley Morris.

FINE TOURIST SEASON.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Porto Rico is enjoying its most prosperous tourist season, more travelers having visited the island this winter than ever before, government reports show.

FORMER OUTLAW
YOUNGER IS DEAD

Of Late Years a Devout Church Attendant and Peaceful Citizen of Missouri Town.

LEE'S SUMMIT, Mo., March 22.—Cole Younger, famous outlaw of border days, but of late years a devout church attendant and peaceful citizen, died at his home here Tuesday after a lingering illness. He was 72 years of age and unmarried.

Cole Younger was one of the last of the members of the notorious robber bands that infested western Missouri during and after the Civil war. He was a member of the Quantrell band of guerrillas and with his two brothers took part with the "James boys" in bank and train robberies in Missouri and neighboring states that netted the looters more than a hundred thousand dollars. The leading members of these bands are dead, some at the hands of the law, some by suicide and others from natural causes. Younger, after a term in the penitentiary became a law abiding Missouri citizen.

Cole was the oldest of the three "Younger Boys." The father, Colonel Harry W. Younger, came to Missouri from Kentucky before the war. He was a strong union man, though a slaveholder. He settled near Lee's Summit, twenty miles from Kansas City, where Cole was born in 1844. Colonel Younger was murdered by one of the bands of lawless guerrillas that infested the Missouri-Kansas border in war times. The sons said their father was slain by Kansas men for the purpose of robbery. They immediately took up arms against the North. They joined Quantrell's guerrillas and had their part in the memorable sacking of Lawrence, Kan.

When the law was over they and the James became outlaws. Among the notorious robberies of the decade following the war that were laid at their door were:

The raid on the Liberty, Mo., bank in 1866. One bank defender was shot dead and \$72,000 stolen. The looting of a Russellville, Ky., bank in 1868 for \$17,000.

The Gallatin, Mo., bank robbery of

1866 in which the cashier was shot and killed.

Raid on Lexington and Savannah, Mo., banks in 1867.

Ten thousand dollars stolen from the Kansas City Fair Association in 1871, while 1,000 persons looked on.

The Corydon, La., bank robbed of \$40,000 the same year.

A dozen other sensational robberies for which the Younger and James boys were blamed, were carried out successfully before the three Younger brothers were captured in Minnesota after a raid on a bank at Northfield, Minn., in 1876. In the course of which Cashier Hayward was killed. The Youngers were shot many times in battles with a posse but finally were taken alive after a battle at Stillwater, Minn.

Cole and his brothers pleaded guilty and were sentenced to prison for life. They entered the penitentiary at Stillwater, Minn., and became model prisoners. Bob died in the penitentiary in 1889. Cole and James Younger were paroled in 1901. The next year James shot himself, leaving a note ascribing his action to a refusal of the parole board to permit him to marry the girl he loved.

After Cole was paroled he was forced by Minnesota law to live in the state for three years. Then he returned to Missouri and settled down in a vine colored cottage which he bought for a niece in Lees summit, the scene of his boyhood days.

For a time he was connected with a show and later went on the lecture platform, and became a good citizen. In August, 1905, Younger was converted to religion at a revival meeting and became an active church worker.

"I've led the adventurous, turbulent life," he said. "The war brought on hate and strife and killing around here. I have been blamed for a lot of it which I did not do. They murdered my father and I was launched into a life of shooting and reprisals and rough riding, winding up with twenty-five years in the penitentiary. I was brought up in a Christian home. Now I am an old man and I have come by God's mercy back to the place of my childhood to end my days."

Steel Company Offers
To Cut Prices of Steel

In Order to Block the Passage of the Tillman Armor Plant Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—When the House naval committee Wednesday received the Tillman bill for a government armor plate plant which passed the Senate Tuesday it also received a proposal from the Bethlehem Steel Company to cut the price of armor from the present price of \$425 a ton to \$395.

The statement of the Bethlehem Steel Company says:

obtaining.

"The proposed price is lower than has been paid by the government for more than ten years."

"If the foregoing price is not satisfactory we will agree to permit any well-known arm of chartered accountancy or the federal trade commission to inventory our plant and make a careful estimate of the cost of manufacture; with that data in hand we will meet the secretary of the navy and agree to manufacture armor at a price which will be entirely satisfactory to him and being quite as low as the lowest price at which the government could possibly manufacture armor on its own account after taking into account all proper charges."

GAIN NO SUCCESS.

BERLIN, March 22.—The Russians have gained no success in their great extended offensive against the German lines, the war office announced Wednesday.